

## Rebecca Buck

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**From:** Ford, Diane <diane.ford@state.vt.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 4:19 PM  
**To:** Rebecca Buck  
**Subject:** AGO BAA

Hi Becky

In addition to the information I sent to you yesterday, I'm forwarding the below e-mail exchange re: additional inquiries from HAC.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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***Please note my new e-mail address***

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**From:** Griffin, Bill  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 5:31 PM  
**To:** Maria Belliveau  
**Subject:** BAA - AGO -- SF request for Consumer Assistance Program

Maria,

Sorry if I've made this complicated. In summary:

- The AGO is requesting \$40,000 SF to reimburse UVM for services provided by an individual who supports the AG's Consumer Assistance Program on the UVM campus.
- This would be \$40,000 in addition to the \$725,000 SF appropriation.
- We have included the same \$40,000 in our FY 16 budget request.
- The individual had helped out on a part-time basis as a student. He graduated and is now a full-time UVM employee. We have struggled to find and train students to do this work, and keeping this individual has paid off.
- If funding is not approved the AG would not be able to pursue as many consumer inquiries and complaints. That would have a financial as well as a program impact, because the Consumer Assistance Program generates SF revenues.
- Another option would be to increase GF vacancy savings elsewhere in the Office. But, that would mean reduced criminal or environmental law enforcement. Our FY15 vacancy target is already high..

Please let me know if the Committee needs more detail. I could come over to the State House Thursday or Friday if that would help.

Thanks.

Bill

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**From:** Maria Belliveau [<mailto:MBELLIVEAU@leg.state.vt.us>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 12:07 PM

**To:** Griffin, Bill

**Subject:** Oops..I have even one more question!

I just sent you an email with the following questions:

Follow up question: HAC would like some clarification, do you need additional authorization for \$40,000 SF or are you saying that the \$40,000 can be covered in the existing \$725,000 that the AG is authorized to retain for recoveries?

There is an additional question regarding the \$40,000 position. How much is included the FY 2016 budget for this position and isn't this the person that used to provide the services for free? What would happen if we didn't approve the \$40,000?